GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:41
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
SPEED POST FACILITY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Speed Post facility is available only in cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of Speed Post centres in each State as on date;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend such facilities to rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to review the functioning of this service; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.41 FOR 19TH NOVEMBER, 2007 REGARDING SPEED POST FACILITY IN RURAL AREAS.

(a) No, Sir. Speed Post facility is available in cities, towns and rural areas in the country.

(b) There are 1166 Speed Post Centers in the Country. The list of centres is given in the annexure. The details of Speed Post Centres are available at the website of the Department www.indiapost.gov.in.

(c) & (d) The network of Speed Post Service is extended taking into account the market requirements, customer needs, expected business, transport facilities available etc.

(e) & (f) Review of the Speed Post service is an on going process and it is done by assessing the market challenges and emerging opportunities for postal services. Constant review aims to make this product customer friendly and competitive. Introduction of Speed Post One India One Rate, reduction in local Speed Post charges, Credit facility, Collection from the customer's premises etc. are steps taken after such reviews.